

This is Mutiny! BUSY BEE LOAFERS ON JOB

The traditionally busy bee did a little loafing in California during 1938 to fall more than 4,000,000 pounds behind the honey production he achieved in the previous year, a report from the state entomological service revealed today.

Total honey production for last year was listed at 16,003,500 pounds compared with 20,850,000 for 1937. The normal crop is considered to be 18,000,000 pounds.

Los Angeles county bees led in amount of honey produced, with 2,548,000 pounds gathered from 36,400 colonies.

Dancing Views Seen Changing

CHICAGO (U.P.)—Jitterbug dancing is "neurotic and unwaranted, and a letting out of excessive energy," but if it were to break down American opposition to American men dancers it would have some value, according to Martha Graham.

Miss Graham, who composed and dances in "American Document," analyzed jitterbugs with an understanding mind.

"Jitterbug dancing is a product of the period," she said. "It will not extend beyond this period. It could not have existed at any other time."

The "jitter" grew out of people having a lot of leisure. It is a reaction to having to sit with nothing to do.

"If it breaks down opposition to American male dancers it might have some value," she said. "The public will watch Monte Carlo dancers because they are viewed as creatures from another world."

People Must Move

"But only this year, for the first time, have I succeeded in featuring an American male dancer in my company."

Dancing, Miss Graham said, is a form of expression and conversation. You should dance only if you have something to say in the language movement.

"Jitterbug dancing, however, doesn't have to be understood. It only means that people must move," she said.

Change Schedule of R. R. Express Rates Here

The Railway Express Agency this week announced a new schedule of rates, effective April 15, according to William H. Bratton, local agent. Generally speaking, the new rates on shipments under 25 pounds have been reduced while those over 100 pounds have been increased from five to 10 percent. With some exceptions, rates on shipments between 25 and 100 pounds are unchanged.

Harbor Chambers Meeting Tonight

A number of local residents will attend the monthly dinner-meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce tonight at the Fraternal hall, 183 North Hawthorne boulevard, in Hawthorne. James L. Beebe, president of the Los Angeles chamber, will be the principal speaker. His subject will be "Community Development."

Entertainment will be provided by the Leuzinger high school orchestra and the Ballona Elementary school band.

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SECTION B

S. C. FLOWER INDUSTRY TOPS NATION

12 Million Annually Won from Rich Soil

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California produces more than 50 percent of the world's flower seeds and consequently stands unchallenged as the major flower seed producing center. Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and other Southern counties are responsible for the greater part of this valuable crop, producing approximately \$4,000,000 worth of seed each year, the county agricultural development reported today.

Few people, even here, appreciate the importance of Southern California's extensive flower industry, the department pointed out. The wholesale value of cut flowers is in excess of \$4,000,000 annually, the Southern California Floral Association reported. Nearly 3,000 acres are devoted to the production of these flowers, and the personnel includes more than 400 growers, 1,100 growers' employees, 250 wholesalers and 900 retailers.

Still a third branch of the floral industry which runs into nearly \$4,000,000 a year is the production of flower bulbs in Southern counties. Southern California is now credited with the production of more bulbs than all the rest of the United States put together.

Climate, Soil Responsible

The importance of the floral industry here may be attributed to the wide variety of both soil and climate which makes possible the successful production of plants from all parts of the world. The world's largest orchid nursery is evidence of the success of tropical plants here, while both subtropical and temperate zone plants are common.

Gladiolus, chrysanthemum and stock plantings for the cut flower trade are each in excess of 200 acres.

There are more than 50 acres each devoted to asters, delphinium, gardenias, gypsophila, larkspur, marigolds, ranunculus, snapdragons and sweet peas. At least 50 other flowers are raised for the commercial cut-flower trade and hundreds of other species are of course grown on a smaller scale.

Flower Bed Locations

Orchids are grown at Torrance, Sawtelle and Moneta and nearby, and at Torrance, Gardena and Venice are grown gardenias. Tulips are grown in large quantities along the coastal cities of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa and Redondo, as are narcissus and daffodils.

In the Dominguez hills south of Compton are grown marigolds and other annuals. Annuals also are grown in La Cresenta valley, in upper San Fernando valley adjacent to the site of Hansen dam and in other foothill communities. A large freesia farm near San Fernando was severely damaged by frost a few years ago and is not as extensive as it was. Ranunculus and delphinium also are grown near Pacoima.

Montebello has several large growers for the wholesale trade, including roses under glass. Floeist plants, such as lilies, are grown there and at Sawtelle. Roses also are grown extensively around Puente. Cyclamen are

grown extensively near Sierra Madre. Downey boasts a large experimental bulb farm.

About 60 percent of the number of growers are Japanese, county agricultural inspectors estimate, and the other 40 percent are American, Italian, Greeks, Portuguese and Hollanders. Many of the Japanese specialize in bulb plants.

Report cards are being issued to high school students here today and should be in the hands of parents by tomorrow. The grades are the result of the first 10 weeks of school work in the second term. The concluding 10-week period of the 1938-39 school year begins Monday.

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ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY

"I KNEW HIM WHEN . . ."

Intimate glimpses of world's great as recalled by Torrance residents

Mexico—land of strumming guitars, languorous and beautiful serenades, colorful costumes and lovely flowers, dashing seniors and old world manners

"Nuts!" explodes Sergeant Frank J. Schumacher of the Torrance police department. "Here's my description of that country: Mexico—land of fleas and filth, dirty peons and sand-enrusted tortillas, desert, mountains that'll break your heart, where the natives would rather lie to you than tell the truth—even when the truth wouldn't hurt them!"

"I soldiered in Mexico with 'Black Jack' Pershing in 1916-17 and believe me, the natives would rather lie to you than tell the truth—even when the truth wouldn't hurt them!"

A "Real Soldier"

Sergeant Schumacher was a "private in the rear rank in the last set of fours" in the famous old Seventh Cavalry from 1913 to 1920. His commanding officer was the late Col. Thompson, a fiery officer of the old school. General Pershing was in command of the Mexican Expeditionary Force that chased Villa without success from March 1916 to February 1917 thru the deserts and mountains of northern Mexico.

Schumacher insists that the U. S. Army had a number of chances to grab Villa but "always just as we were in position to pounce on him and his Villistas, some orders would come thru stopping us." General Pershing, then 56 and 30 years out of West Point, was as irate over this interference as his men.

The local police officer remembers "Black Jack" as a "real soldier." He was tall and rugged of build, square-jawed and tanned a saddle-leather brown. He was a stern disciplinarian but you always could find him up in front where the going was toughest.

Lost Contact with Supplies

"My outfit patrolled the Yellowstone National Park in 1916 and I spent one winter snowed in there. When we were in the heat and sand of Mexico I recalled that snow-bound experience with considerable longing. That we were transferred to the Mexican border. When Pancho Villa led a raid across the border to sack the town of Columbus, New Mexico, President Wilson ordered Pershing to lead us in a punitive force into Mexico to capture that outlaw."

As the expedition was about to start, Pershing received word that his quarters at the Presidio of San Francisco had burned and that his wife and their three little daughters had perished in the fire. A son, Warren, was the only survivor of that tragedy.

The Mexican expedition traveled hard and fast on the heels of the Villistas. In fact, Schumacher says that it went so fast that it lost contact with the wagon trains carrying food, ammunition and other supplies.

Christmas in Sandstorm

"Then we had to 'bushwhack' about the country. We ran out of everything. Why, I've seen men walking up and down the company lines of an evening offering \$5, \$10 and even \$20 for a sack of Bull Durham, \$10 for a pack of cards and couldn't make a buy. We wore out our clothes and used blankets and hides. Some of the men wore out their boots and had to make coverings for their feet out of green hides that they never took off until they were cut from their feet when we returned to the states."

Trained War Recruits

From then on, his career blossomed and his long training proved its worth on the battlefields of France. Today, nearing 79 years of age, he is president of the American Battle Monuments Commission and spends much of his time in France attending to the work of that organization.

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ENGLISH CAMP FOR REFUGEES TO AID 3,500

LONDON (U.P.)—The largest refugee camp in Britain, with its own cinema, hospital and "parliament," has been opened at Ribblesborough, Kent.

The camp, which will cost \$400,000 a year to operate, will accommodate 3,500 refugees from Germany and Austria, between the ages of 18 and 35.

On this site was formerly the famous Kitchener camp which accommodated 40,000 troops during the war.

Pheasants to Leave Jail

PITTSFIELD, Mass. (U.P.)—About 200 pheasants which have wintered at Berkshire county jail will be released the first of April and distributed throughout the county.

Wooldridge

Herald Circulation Mgr. Writes

He who deserts truth in trifles, cannot be trusted in matters of importance.

RITES HELD . . . Funeral services were held yesterday in Washington for the late James Hamilton Lewis, colorful U. S. Senator from Illinois, who died Sunday.

ANYBODY KNOW ROOSEVELT, HITLER OR CHAMBERLAIN?

You've read reminiscences of local residents concerning President Harding, Archduke Francis Ferdinand and today—General Pershing

Is there anyone in Torrance who can claim an acquaintance or contact with personalities who are making headlines in the news today? The Herald, whose phone number is 444, would like to relate those contacts . . . and will if you let us know!

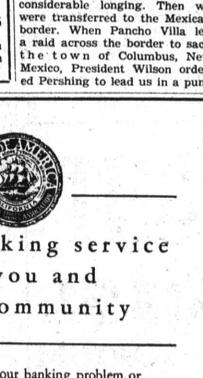
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